

UNM Student Publications Board Meeting
Friday, April 18, 2008
University Honors, Room 16

Present: Leslie Donovan (Chair), Robert Trapp, Karolyn Cannata-Winge, Joseph Garcia, V.B. Price, Jesse Stark

Ex-Officio: Jim Fisher, Chris Sanchez,

Also Present: Carolyn Souther, Damian Garde

Absent: Adrian Carver, ASUNM President Representative, Journalism & Mass Communication Representative

Leslie Donovan called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Donovan asked for a review of the minutes from the February 8 meeting. V.B. Price made a motion to accept the minutes, Karolyn Cannata-Winge seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan asked Chris Sanchez for a report on the Daily Lobo. Sanchez said his term is in the final stretch, noting that there were only two weeks left in his term. He said he felt that the Lobo did a good job of covering all areas of the news this year. He said currently everything is going well. Jim Fisher asked Sanchez if there was anything he is particularly proud of during his term as editor. Sanchez said he was most proud of recruiting and retaining more journalism students to the newsroom this year. Donovan asked Sanchez what he is going to do next. Sanchez responded that he is going to be writing at the Denver Post this summer and will be back in school at UNM next fall. Donovan said the Board appreciates everything Sanchez has done at the Lobo this year. Others on the Board agreed.

Donovan asked Sanchez for an update on the Web archives issue from previous meetings. Sanchez said he is working on the handbook and should have it completed when he leaves in May. Fisher asked if Sanchez had heard from the person who had made the complaint about finding her name in a Web search linked to a Lobo story. He said he had not heard from her recently but had made it clear that she could come in anytime to post her comment on the Lobo Web site. Sanchez said he is glad the issue came up and felt the Lobo needed some direction on solving the problem, which the Board provided.

Donovan asked Fisher about the Space Allocation request for Student Publications. Fisher said he submitted the request in January for additional/refurbished space or for the possibility of moving Student Publications to a new location on main campus. Fisher said he heard from someone on the space allocation committee that everything asked for had been denied. Fisher said that while he appreciated a member on the committee unofficially notifying him about the status of the request, he would appreciate official notification to the Board. He said he is particularly disappointed about being denied Marron Hall room 104 which he said is surrounded on three sides by Student Publications. He said the room is currently a classroom and suspected that the Office of the Registrar is reluctant to give up classroom space no matter how substandard it may be. Fisher said he did not know who the chair of the space allocation committee is but will try to find out. Joseph Garcia said last year when GPSA was trying to acquire space for breast feeding rooms the chair was Dr. Holder. Donovan said that the Board should go back to Dr. Torres who had suggested the course of action the Board took to acquire additional space. Fisher said he felt that the Board should not give up on the process. Price asked how many people

comprised the committee. Fisher said the last time he went before the committee it had five to six members but that was several years ago. Price said he would be glad to help in any way that he could.

Donovan asked Fisher for a Daily Lobo financial report. Fisher said the report distributed was through March. He said that February and March are usually not good months for revenue and this year is no exception. He noted that expenses had caught up with revenue, thereby eliminating how far the Lobo was ahead earlier in the year. He said the areas for revenue that are down the most are national and classified advertising, which the advertising staff has the least control over. Fisher said since April and May are typically good months for advertising revenue, he expected to break even for the year.

Donovan said that there are two applicants for the Daily Lobo editor position but only one applicant is present, Damian Garde. She said that typically the Board goes into closed session for the purpose of interviewing applicants and then returns to open session to record Board members' votes. She asked if there were any objections to proceed with the Daily Lobo editor selection as she proposed. There were no objections.

Price made a motion for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of interviewing the candidate for Daily Lobo editor. Jesse Stark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board went into closed session at 3:25 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 4:14 p.m.

Donovan asked that Board members vote for their preference for Daily Lobo editor for the 2008-09 school year when Fisher called the roll of Board members present. All Board members present (Joseph Garcia, Jesse Stark, Robert Trapp, V.B. Price, Karolyn Cannata-Winge, and Leslie Donovan) voted for Damian Garde.

Donovan and the rest of the Board members congratulated Garde. She encouraged Garde to seek the help and advice of the Board and the faculty of the Communication & Journalism department during his appointment as Daily Lobo Editor. Damian thanked the Board.

Donovan reminded the Board that editor selections for Conceptions Southwest and Best Student Essays is scheduled for Friday April 25, at 3 p.m. in University Honors room 16. She also said that the Conceptions Southwest magazine release reception is April 30 at 6:30–8:30 in the George Pearl Hall courtyard. She said that all Board members were welcome.

Donovan asked if there was any new business.

Price asked if any knew why the other applicant for Daily Lobo editor didn't show up. Donovan said she did not know why. Both Fisher and Sanchez said they tried to contact the applicant and had received no response.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.